

OUT OF DEEP PERIL

An Incident of Life on the Western Plains.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SOLDIERS

While Trying to Arrest Zuni Chiefs for Assaulting a Man They Are Led into Ambush.

Some time ago a body of United States troops from Fort Wingate stood in the shadow of the dreadful fate that overtook the brave Custer and his men, and but for a commanding officer's calmness in a moment of peril the country would have been shocked by a story of massacre butchery from the land of the Sun.

It will be remembered that the Zunis are a tribe of Pueblo Indians who have several farming villages around the town of Zuni, which is their winter home. They call it the "center of the earth."

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Gather yourselves together with weapons of war in your hands and the courage of your fathers in your hearts, to destroy from off the face of the earth these desecrators of your hearts.

The orator had scarcely ceased when a younger war chief appeared, chanting a war song and bearing a bow and arrow in his hands.



TORTURING THE MEDICINE MAN FOR NOT BRINGING RAIN.

The parapets of the houses were literally lined with men leveling their guns at the little band of soldiers.

Capt. Augur was trapped in a desperate position. But finding every opening blocked, he calmly turned to the interpreter and said: "Tell those Zunis that we are United States soldiers and are not afraid to die."

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Of songs in the English language the oldest is "Beowulf," a legendary heroic song originally brought to this country by the Angles and handed down from generation to generation as the language developed.

The oldest song in the language that has come down to us with its musical setting is a "canon" or "round" called "Summer Is I-cumen In," arranged with considerable skill for six voices.

The MS. is in the Harleian library, and the best authorities ascribe it to the authorship of John of Fosete, a monk of Reading abbey, who is supposed to have written it about the year 1226.

There is living in Europe a middle-aged gentleman, who, many years ago, was elected a chief of the Mohawk tribe of Indians.

He is Albert Edward, more familiarly known as the prince of Wales. When he becomes king of England he will doubtless be called Edward VII.

The professors in the colleges of Spain are miserably underpaid, often receiving no more than two hundred dollars per year.

The latest sea serpent story is from Australia. Two men recently made affidavit at Liverpool, New South Wales, that they had seen in the tall sedge grass near that place an enormous serpent.

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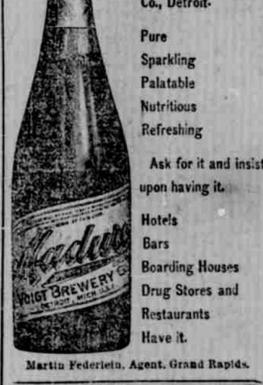
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